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SERIAL NO.

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November 5, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following new paragraph:

This

application is a 371 of PCT/EP00/03939 filed on May 3, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-14 as follows: